

American Social Hygiene Association.—The association's annual meeting, held at the national offices, was well attended and a most enjoyable occasion. As announced previously in the "News," informal conferences were held in the morning, afternoon, and at luncheon, with discussion of such subjects as: What Is Desirable Information to Give in a Talk to a Group Such as a Parent-Teacher Association? Emergency Relief Treatment of Syphilis; Social Hygiene Objectives, and others.

The business session convened at 4 p. m., with Doctor Keyes presiding. Reports from the various committees were presented, work for the past year reviewed, and future activities discussed. Officers for 1935 were reelected as follows:

President, Edward L. Keyes; vice-presidents, Eugene L. Bishop, Roscoe Pound, Ray Lyman Wilbur, Mary E. Woolley; treasurer, Timothy N. Pfeiffer; secretary, Mrs. Henry D. Dakin; members of the Board of Directors for 1935-1937, Robert H. Bishop, Jr., Norman F. Coleman, Timothy N. Pfeiffer, John H. Stokes, C.-E. A. Winslow, Kendall Emerson, A. J. Chesley.

A pleasant reception and tea served by the staff followed the adjournment of the business meeting, and the day closed with an informal dinner meeting at the Stockholm Restaurant, when further discussion of social hygiene matters took place.

Drug Vendors Still Trying to Sell Worthless Cure-Alls.—Patent medicine vendors still take advantage of the human desire for a simple remedy for all ills. Their "cure-alls" still appear in the Food and Drug Administration's reports of seizures. In the January list the inspectors reported a typical concoction of this class, "Marleo the All-Purpose Ointment." Seized at Pocatello, Idaho, it was labeled with broad claims such as were common before the days of the Food and Drugs Act: "Defies infection. Recommended for blood poison, infections, removing splinters, stepping on rusty nails, dog bites, croup, bronchitis, swollen glands, sore throat, rheumatism, lumbago, eczema, piles, boils, burns, warts, varicose veins, old running sores, etc." These claims, the Food and Drug Administration alleges, are false and fraudulent.

The following products also were seized for the false and fraudulent claims noted: "Gosewich Garlic Tablets" for high blood pressure, rheumatism, arthritis, poor circulation, asthma, kidney trouble, intestinal disorders, and sleeplessness; "Mastin's Vitamon Tablets" for anemia, nervous deficiency, malnutrition, loss of appetite, physical breakdown and run-down conditions; "Okasa Silver" and "Okasa Gold," rejuvenation preparations for men and women; "Zo-ro-lo," a mixture designed to aid nature in the treatment of many ailments, and "Scott's Nose and Throat Drops" for catarrh and hay fever. One lot of deteriorated anesthetic ether was located and destroyed. Although many hundreds of cans of anesthetic ether are analyzed annually by the Administration's chemists, substandard ether is now rare. . . .

The first of the Federal Government's prosecutions of manufacturers and distributors of alcoholic candies was closed on January 15, when Irving Levine and Morris Singer were fined a total of \$208 in federal court at Brooklyn, New York, following their plea of guilty of violation of the Food and Drugs Act. Operating as the Romaine Candy Company and the Irving Candy Company, Levine and Singer had shipped candy with liquid alcoholic centers to Philadelphia, the goods being sold in cheap restaurants and low-grade grocery and candy stores to school children. The principals in this racket did not, apparently, realize that the repeal of prohibition legislation did not nullify the provisions of the Federal Food and Drugs Act, which twenty-nine years ago foresaw the dangers of the inclusion of alcohol in confectionery. Other persons involved in similar violations in the central part of the country will be brought to trial as soon as can be arranged. . . .

CORRESPONDENCE

Concerning postconvention rates at Yosemite.

March 20, 1935.

To the Secretary:—It has been decided to offer those who attend the medical convention the privilege of staying on at the convention rates until May 22. Of course it is not necessary that they occupy the same accommodations as they use during the convention period, as they may change to any type they desire. We will probably have all types available after the convention crowd has departed.

We would appreciate it very much if you would run a publicity flash in your publication outlining this offer.

Sincerely,

STANLEY E. PLUMB,
Traffic and Advertising Manager.
Yosemite Park and Curry Company.

Concerning proposed legislation dealing with unethical advertising.

To the Editor:—Herewith I am submitting for your information the following resolution which was adopted at the last meeting of the Los Angeles Society of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology:

WHEREAS, The Council of the California Medical Association at its meeting of December 22, 1934, approved a resolution asking California state examining boards to take steps to secure legislation that would do away with unethical advertising; and

WHEREAS, Amendments have been prepared by the State Attorney General's office which would aid in the attainment of that end and;

WHEREAS, Such amendments are needed to do away with price baiting; therefore be it

Resolved, By the Los Angeles Society of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology, that this society approves in principle the proposed amendments and recommends to the state examining boards and to the State and County Medical Associations that an earnest effort be made to secure the enactment of such much needed legislation.

Yours truly,

PIERRE VIOLE, M. D.

Concerning malpractice defense rendered through the Medical Society of the State of California. A letter of appreciation.

March 19, 1935.

To the Secretary:—I wish at this time to express my appreciation for the services which the Medical Defense Fund, through W. M. Rains, has recently rendered to me. Mr. Rains is a master in his profession and handled his part of this case with credit both to himself and the physicians of this state.

Yours truly,

(Signed) HORACE F. PIERCE.

1421 Chapala Street, Santa Barbara.

Concerning the session of the American Urological Association: Meeting in San Francisco (June 25-28, 1935).

To the Editor:—Plans are under way for a most successful meeting of the American Urological Association which will be held jointly with the Western Branch Society in San Francisco this summer. The Committee on Arrangements is working very hard and the coming meeting promises to be one of the best that the Association has ever held. Professor Hugh Hampton Young of Johns Hopkins University has been selected to deliver the Ramon Gutierrez lecture. He has selected as his topic "The Abnormalities and Plastic Surgery of the Lower Genito-urinary Tract." Professor Young is one of the foremost urologists in the United States and has done much to advance American urology and to place it in the foreground.